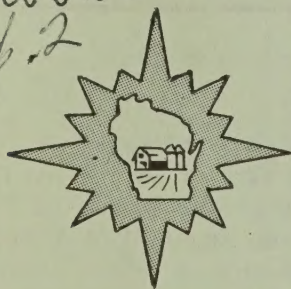


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Cream of the News

Milk production in Wisconsin during August was up about 2 percent from a year ago due to more milk cows on farms and a higher production per cow.

Wholesale prices of dairy products continued to increase sharply during August and averaged substantially higher than in August 1974.

Cheese and butter production in the Nation during July was lower than last year as cheese output declined 1 percent and butter churnings were down 13 percent.

Milk prices in Wisconsin during August increased for the fifth consecutive month and averaged above \$8.00 a hundredweight for the first time since April 1974.

The Nation's butter stocks in cold storage at the end of August were the lowest on record for that month dating back to 1930.

Prices received for Wisconsin farm products sold during the month ending in mid-August averaged 2 percent higher than the previous month and were 19 percent above a year earlier.

The September 1 hog inventory in Wisconsin and the Nation was down considerably from a year ago and the lowest for that date in many years.

Prices of barrows and gilts averaged a record high of \$57.65 a hundredweight at the St. Paul market during August, topping the previous record of August 1973.

Stocks of meat in cold storage at the end of August were 29 percent below a year earlier, the tenth consecutive month of lower meat stocks.

Red meat production in Wisconsin during July was above a year ago as an increase in the beef supply offset a decline in pork output.

Better planting and growing conditions enabled Wisconsin's corn crop to mature safely this year before any hard freeze.

MILK PRODUCTION UP IN WISCONSIN

Milk production on Wisconsin farms during August totaled 1,528 million pounds, an increase of about 2 percent from a year earlier. Both the number of milk cows and production per cow for August were above last year. Milk cows on Wisconsin farms during August totaled 1,808,000, up 7,000 from the previous year. Production per cow averaged 845 pounds for August, a gain of 10 pounds from August 1974. Milk production in August declined seasonally 4 percent from July compared with a drop of 6 percent last year. During the first eight months of 1975, milk production in Wisconsin was up slightly from that period in 1974.

The Nation's milk production for August totaled 9,609 million pounds, down 1 percent from a year earlier. Production per cow was slightly under August 1974 and milk cow numbers were also lower. In the first eight months of 1975, milk production in the Nation was about one half percent under the comparable months of 1974. The August milk-feed price ratio was 1 percent below July but was 20 percent higher than August last year.

Milk Production

Selected States	August 1974	August 1975	Jan.-Aug. 1975	Change from last year	
				August	Jan.-Aug.
	Million pounds			Percent	
Wisconsin	1,504	1,528	12,842	+ 2	n. c.
Minnesota . . .	687	636	6,417	- 7	- 5
Iowa	336	325	2,692	- 3	- 3
New York . . .	801	796	6,858	- 1	+ 1
Pennsylvania . .	582	579	4,747	- 1	+ 1
California	945	966	7,242	+ 2	+ 1
Other states . . .	4,835	4,779	38,278	- 1	n. c.
United States . .	9,690	9,609	79,076	- 1	n. c.

MILK PRICES HIGHER

Milk prices received by Wisconsin farmers for all milk of average test sold to plants and dealers during August are expected to average \$8.05 a hundredweight. This would be 31 cents above July and the first time milk prices exceeded \$8.00 a hundredweight since April 1974. Milk prices have

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increased for five consecutive months and the August average was \$1.17 more than a year ago.

The July all milk price averaged \$7.74 a hundredweight, an increase of 15 cents from June and 97 cents above July 1974. Milkfat content for July averaged 3.62 percent compared with 3.58 percent a year earlier.

Producers for the Grade A market received an average of \$7.85 a hundredweight in July, up 11 cents from June and 81 cents more than July 1974. Manufacturing grade milk averaged \$7.59 a hundredweight during July, a gain of 23 cents from June and \$1.22 above a year ago. The price spread between market and manufacturing grade milk was 26 cents in July compared with 67 cents last year.

Milk Prices 1/

Selected States	June 1975		July price per cwt.			August 1975 price per cwt. 2/
	Average test	Price per cwt.	1974	1975	75/74 change	
	Percent	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	Dollars
Milk for all uses						
Wisconsin	3.68	7.59	6.77	7.74	+ 14	8.05
Minnesota	3.56	7.20	6.43	7.41	+ 15	7.70
Iowa	3.54	7.30	6.65	7.45	+ 12	7.60
New York	3.56	7.60	7.74	8.35	+ 8	8.95
California	3.46	8.35	7.97	8.40	+ 5	8.50
United States	3.55	7.94	7.61	8.19	+ 8	8.47
Wisconsin utilization						
Market milk	3.67	7.74	7.04	7.85	+ 12	xxx
Manufacturing milk	3.69	7.36	6.37	7.59	+ 19	xxx
Creameries	3.63	7.22	6.44	7.47	+ 16	xxx
Cheese factories	3.69	7.38	6.36	7.60	+ 19	xxx
Varied prod. plants	3.67	7.29	6.36	7.52	+ 18	xxx

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. They differ from basic buying prices which are for 3.5% milk. 2/Based on preliminary information for milk of average-test.

Wisconsin 3.5 Test Milk Prices 1/

Utilization	July 1974	June 1975	July 1975 2/	Change from last year
	Dollars per cwt.			Percent
Milk for all uses	6.62	7.22	7.48	+ 13
Market milk	6.90	7.38	7.63	+ 11
Manufacturing milk	6.20	6.98	7.30	+ 18
Creameries	6.30	6.96	7.28	+ 16
American cheese plants	6.20	6.97	7.28	+ 17
Varied products plants	6.20	6.95	7.27	+ 17
Federal Order Markets				
Chicago Regional Base Zone	7.06	7.57	7.79	+ 10

1/Computed equivalents. 2/Preliminary.

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WHOLESALE DAIRY PRICES CONTINUE SHARP INCREASES

Wholesale prices of dairy products continued to increase sharply during August. The 92-score butter price at New York averaged 86.31 cents a pound for August, up 7½ cents from July and 17½ cents above August 1974. Wholesale butter prices have increased nearly 16 cents a pound in the last two months, and during 1975 have risen 19 cents.

Cheddar cheese in 40 pound blocks averaged 89.81 cents a pound at Wisconsin assembly points during August. This was a gain of 5 cents from the previous month and more than 17 cents above last year. Wholesale prices of cheddar cheese have increased every month during 1975.

Swiss cheese, Wisconsin State Brand, averaged almost \$1.16 a pound for August, up 4 cents from July and more than 20 cents above August a year ago.

Wholesale Dairy Prices

Commodity	August 1974	July 1975	August 1975 1/
Butter, 92-score, New York, pound . .	68.88¢	78.79¢	86.31¢
Cheese, Cheddars, Wisconsin primary markets, 40 lb. blocks, pound 2/ . .	72.49¢	84.82¢	89.81¢
Cheese, Swiss, Wisconsin State Brand, block pound 2/	95.55¢	111.65¢	115.75¢
Evaporated milk, North Central States, case, 48-14½ oz. cans, range	\$11.70-12.52	\$11.55-12.52	\$ — — —
Nonfat dry milk solids, spray, Chicago area, pound	57.05¢	60.45¢	61.44¢

1/Preliminary estimates. 2/Selling prices, f.o.b. at Wisconsin assembly points.

BUTTER STOCKS WELL BELOW YEAR AGO

The Nation's stocks of butter in cold storage at the end of August amounted to only 79 million pounds, down 35 percent from the previous year and the lowest on record for that date. Government butter stocks totaled 46.5 million pounds on August 31, up 61 percent from the relatively low level of a year earlier.

Cheese stocks in cold storage at the end of August were 18 percent below last year. Stocks of American cheese were down 18 percent from August 31, 1974 while supplies of Swiss and all other cheese declined 17 percent. The Government held 6.5 million pounds of American cheese at the end of August compared with slightly over one million pounds a year ago.

Cold Storage Stocks of Butter and Cheese

Commodity	August 31, 1973	August 31, 1974	August 31, 1975	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
	UNITED STATES			
Butter	113,194	122,021	79,337	— 35
Cheese, American	320,638	479,044	392,575	— 18
Cheese, Swiss	15,404	13,572	11,284	— 17
Cheese, all other	59,494	59,769	49,879	— 17
Cheese, total	395,536	552,385	453,738	— 18
	WISCONSIN			
Butter	8,865	7,196	6,061	— 16
Cheese, American	197,584	266,070	216,852	— 18
	GOVERNMENT STOCKS*			
Butter	71,650	28,981	46,530	+ 61
Cheese, American	643	1,086	6,484	+ 497

*Included in above totals.

**Manufacturers' Stocks of Other Dairy Products
United States**

Commodity	July 31, 1973	July 31, 1974	July 31, 1975	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
Dried whole milk	9,602	13,432	6,399	- 52
Dried skim milk	102,653	202,218	90,343	- 55
Dried buttermilk	5,670	10,732	3,211	- 70
Condensed milk and evaporated milk (case goods) 1/ .	133,640	156,474	114,660	- 27

1/Combined to avoid disclosing individual plant operations.

**CHEESE AND BUTTER
PRODUCTION DOWN**

Production of butter and cheese in the Nation during July was down from a year ago. The Nation's creameries churned 13 percent less butter than in July 1974. Although California's butter output in July was 3 percent above last year, production declined 10 percent in Wisconsin, 13 percent in Minnesota, and 19 percent in all other states.

Cheese production in the Nation during July was 1 percent under a year earlier. Increases of 16 percent for Italian, 5 percent for Swiss, and 13 percent for the minor varieties were offset by declines of 7 percent for American and 1 percent for Brick and Muenster.

Wisconsin dairy plants produced nearly 65 million pounds of American cheese in July, a drop of 5 percent from the previous year. Although Minnesota increased its American

cheese output 11 percent from July 1974, Iowa had a decline of 33 percent and all other states were down 11 percent.

Production of cottage cheese curd in the Nation during July was 4 percent above last year while output of creamed cottage cheese increased 3 percent. Ice cream production in the Nation for July was up 6 percent from a year ago.

**BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCTION
TO REMAIN LOWER IN AUGUST**

Weekly estimates of butter and American cheese production for August indicate that output will remain below a year ago. The Nation's butter production in August is expected to be 14 percent under last year, about the same decline as in July. Churnings of butter in Wisconsin creameries for August were down about 12 percent from a year earlier, following a 10 percent decline in July. However, for the first seven months of 1975, butter production in the Nation was up 8 percent from the comparable period in 1974 while Wisconsin showed an increase of 12 percent.

Based on weekly estimates, production of American cheese in the Nation during August was down 8 percent from the previous year. Output of American cheese in the first seven months of this year was 15 percent less than in January - July 1974. Wisconsin's production of American cheese in August was about 8 percent under a year ago. The State manufactured 10 percent less American cheese during January through July than in that period last year.

Current Dairy Products Estimates

Item and area	July 1974	July 1975	Jan.-July 1975	Change from last year	
				July	Jan.-July
	1,000 pounds			Percent	
BUTTER					
Wisconsin	16,082	14,400	135,380	- 10	+ 12
Minnesota	19,576	16,940	152,520	- 13	n. c.
California	11,306	11,700	76,650	+ 3	+ 1
Other states	33,872	27,351	280,689	- 19	+ 12
United States	80,836	70,391	645,239	- 13	+ 8
CHEESE, AMERICAN					
Wisconsin	68,293	64,700	447,900	- 5	- 10
Minnesota	19,396	21,460	155,375	+ 11	- 8
Iowa	9,912	6,600	48,300	- 33	- 37
Other states	67,589	60,256	390,305	- 11	- 19
United States	165,190	153,016	1,041,880	- 7	- 15
CHEESE, MISCELLANEOUS					
United States					
Swiss	15,196	15,955	102,483	+ 5	- 3
Brick and Muenster . .	6,595	6,511	45,237	- 1	+ 7
Italian	48,883	56,912	374,579	+ 16	+ 6
All other	15,580	17,541	124,767	+ 13	+ 8
Total	86,254	96,919	647,066	+ 12	+ 5
ALL CHEESE					
United States	251,444	249,935	1,688,946	- 1	- 8
OTHER PRODUCTS					
Cottage Cheese					
United States					
Curd 1/	59,513	61,849	421,349	+ 4	+ 2
Creamed 2/	74,956	77,485	532,261	+ 3	+ 3
	1,000 gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream					
Wisconsin	1,845	1,800	10,050	- 2	+ 3
Illinois	4,375	4,780	26,530	+ 9	+ 2
Iowa	955	1,160	6,380	+ 21	+ 16
Michigan	3,760	4,080	23,450	+ 9	+ 15
Minnesota	3,023	3,300	17,150	+ 9	- 1
Other states	67,070	70,789	421,206	+ 6	+ 10
United States	81,028	85,909	504,766	+ 6	+ 9

1/Includes cottage, pot, and bakers' cheese with a milkfat content of less than 4 percent. 2/Includes cheese with a milkfat content of 4 to 19 percent.

Recent Changes in Butter and Cheese Output

Periods	Butter			American Cheese		
	United States		Wisconsin	United States		Wisconsin
	Production 1975	Change from last year	Change from last year	Production 1975	Change from last year	Change from last year
	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent
July	70,391	- 13	- 10	153,016	- 7	- 5
Jan.-July . .	645,239	+ 8	+ 12	1,041,880	- 15	- 10
Weeks ending:						
Aug. 7	14,000	- 11	- 11	31,700	- 8	- 10
Aug. 14 . . .	14,060	- 13	- 15	30,800	- 8	- 10
Aug. 21 . . .	13,800	- 16	- 14	29,800	- 7	- 7
Aug. 28 . . .	13,400	- 14	- 7	28,200	- 8	- 6
Total	55,260	- 14	xxx	120,500	- 8	xxx

**PRICES RECEIVED
INDEX HIGHER**

The index of prices received for all farm products sold in Wisconsin for the month ending in mid-August was up 13 points (2 percent) from July and was 86 points (19 percent) above August 1974. Although livestock prices were down except for hogs, higher prices were received for milk, eggs, turkeys, and most crops.

Hog prices averaged \$54.30 a hundredweight as of August 15, just 10 cents under the record high of two years ago. Hogs increased \$1.90 from July and were \$20.90 above August last year.

Prices for milk cows declined by \$5.00 from July to August. At \$470.00 each for August, milk cows were \$85.00 below a year earlier. Calves averaged \$30.60 a hundredweight in mid-August, down \$3.00 from the previous month and \$7.40 under August 1974.

Steers and heifers averaged \$41.70 a hundredweight as of August 15, a decline of \$1.30 from July but \$8.90 higher than a year ago. Slaughter cows, at \$20.60 a hundredweight for August, were \$1.40 below a month earlier and \$3.30 less than last year.

Sheep averaged \$8.00 a hundredweight in August, down 40 cents from July and 60 cents under August 1974. Lambs, at \$39.30 a hundredweight for mid-August, were \$4.40 below the previous month but 80 cents more than a year ago.

Turkey prices averaged 42 cents a pound liveweight as of mid-August, the highest since September 1951. Turkeys increased 3 cents from July to August and were 15 cents above last year. Egg prices rose by over 2 cents a dozen from July to August. At 45 cents a dozen on August 15, eggs were 10 cents more than a year earlier.

Crop prices increased from July to August except for oats which declined 2 cents a bushel. At \$1.36 a bushel for August, oats was 11 cents below the previous year. Corn averaged \$2.96 a bushel in mid-August, up 24 cents from a month earlier and the highest since January. However, corn prices were 44 cents below August 1974.

Wheat averaged \$3.31 a bushel for August, up 28 cents from July but 60 cents under last year. Soybeans, at \$5.66 a bushel in August, were 52 cents higher than the previous month but \$1.44 under August 1974. Baled alfalfa hay averaged a record high \$49.00 a ton in mid-August, up \$3.50 from July and \$19.00 more than a year ago.

Prices Received by Wisconsin Farmers

Commodity	Unit	August 15, 1973	August 15, 1974	July 15, 1975	August 15, 1975
Dollars					
Milk cows	Head	590.00	555.00	475.00	470.00
Steers and heifers .	Cwt.	50.00	32.80	43.00	41.70
Cows	Cwt.	38.00	23.90	22.00	20.60
Calves	Cwt.	74.00	38.00	33.60	30.60
Hogs	Cwt.	54.40	33.40	52.40	54.30
Sheep	Cwt.	10.50	7.40	8.40	8.00
Lambs	Cwt.	43.00	38.50	43.70	39.30
Chickens 1/	Lb.	.180	.105	.135	.115
Turkeys	Lb.	.370	.270	.390	.420
Eggs	Doz.	.650	.350	.427	.450
Corn	Bu.	2.37	3.40	2.72	2.96
Wheat	Bu.	4.00	3.91	3.03	3.31
Oats	Bu.	1.05	1.47	1.38	1.36
Soybeans	Bu.	9.00	7.10	5.14	5.66
Alfalfa hay, baled .	Ton	28.50	30.00	45.50	49.00

1/Excludes broilers.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION SHOWS SLIGHT INCREASE

Production of red meat in Wisconsin's commercial slaughtering plants during July totaled 104 million pounds, an increase of a half million pounds or less than 1 percent from July 1974. Although pork production in July declined 3 percent from last year, it was offset by a 1 percent gain in beef production.

Cattle slaughter for July totaled 119,000 head, up 8,000 from both June and a year ago. Average liveweight of cattle killed in July was 1,031 pounds, 62 pounds lighter than last year.

Hog slaughter in July numbered 236,000 head, a decline of 17,000 from the previous month and 8,000 under July

1974. Average liveweight of hogs butchered during July was 245 pounds, the same as a year earlier.

July's calf slaughter of 36,500 was 13,000 more than last year and the highest for that month since 1966. Calves averaged 143 pounds liveweight for July, up 25 pounds from June but 5 pounds under a year ago. The sheep and lamb kill of 500 in July was 100 more than in July 1974.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

Area	Number			Liveweight	
	July		Change from last year	July	
	1974	1975		1974	1975
	1,000 head		Percent	Million pounds	
Cattle					
Wisconsin	111.0	119.0	+ 7	121.3	122.7
United States 1/ . .	3,104.6	3,399.8	+ 10	3,227.2	3,304.7
Calves					
Wisconsin	23.5	36.5	+ 55	3.5	5.2
United States 1/ . .	215.6	467.5	+ 117	57.9	137.5
Hogs					
Wisconsin	244.0	236.0	— 3	59.8	57.8
United States 1/ . .	6,095.4	4,955.3	— 19	1,500.9	1,186.6
Sheep and lambs					
Wisconsin4	.5	+ 25	.040	.049
United States 1/ . .	736.7	657.9	— 11	73.3	66.4

1/Excludes Alaska.

MEAT STOCKS BELOW LAST YEAR

Stocks of meat in the Nation's cold storage facilities at the end of August were 29 percent below a year earlier. Beef stocks were down 32 percent and pork supplies were 29 percent under August 31, 1974. This was the tenth consecutive month that meat stocks in cold storage were less than the previous year.

There were 255 million pounds of beef in cold storage at the end of August, a decline of 12 million pounds from a month earlier and 120 million pounds below last year. Pork stocks totaled over 183 million pounds on August 31, down 44 million pounds from July and 74 million pounds lower than a year ago.

Cold Storage Stocks of Meat
United States

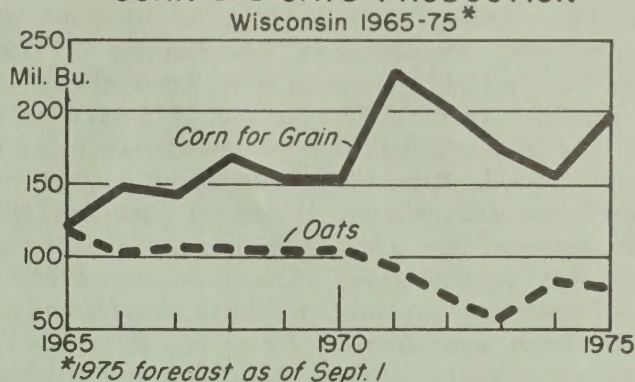
Commodity	Aug. 31, 1973	Aug. 31, 1974	July 31, 1975	Aug. 31, 1975	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds				Percent
Beef:					
Frozen	244,674	361,697	259,695	247,527	- 32
In cure and cured	8,905	13,454	7,950	7,710	- 43
Total	253,579	375,151	267,645	255,237	- 32
Pork:					
Frozen	165,407	243,963	216,641	173,891	- 29
In cooler	13,754	13,761	11,059	9,711	- 29
Total	179,161	257,724	227,700	183,602	- 29
Other meats and meat products:					
Veal, frozen	7,931	12,468	8,419	8,665	- 31
Lamb and mutton, frozen	12,739	15,333	9,019	9,825	- 36
Canned meats in cooler:					
Hams	39,945	51,048	50,335	45,040	- 12
Other meats	12,081	13,421	9,464	8,912	- 34
Total, all meats	505,436	725,145	572,582	511,281	- 29

SEPTEMBER CROP REPORT

Wisconsin's corn for grain was past frost danger by September 22nd, the date a year ago when a hard freeze statewide caught a lot of corn still immature. Better planting and growing conditions this season pushed corn maturity ahead of normal. There was a frost in the extreme north September 9th and in scattered low areas around the State on the 13th. However, these frosts had little effect on the corn for grain as the crop was well dented. Some early corn is testing in the mid 20's for moisture content and picking, shelling, and drying have started in a few fields. Based on conditions as of September 1, Wisconsin's corn for grain production was estimated at 197.4 million bushels, an increase of 28 percent from the poor 1974 crop. Although the estimated yield of 84 bushels per acre for 1975 was down 4 bushels from the August estimate, it was still 16 bushels above last year. Dry weather in July and early August kept the corn crop from realizing a greater potential. Silo filling was active after the middle of September. By September 22nd, about 30 percent of the silo filling was completed compared with 20 percent a year earlier and 25 percent normally. Silage tonnage and quality is better than last year except for drought stricken corn on light soils. Some corn was severely lodged by heavy winds and rains in late August so harvesting will be a problem on those fields.

Two-thirds of the soybean fields had leaves turning yellow as of September 22nd, ahead of last year's 45 percent and the normal of 55 percent. Soybeans needed more sun-

CORN and OATS PRODUCTION



shine and a few days without frost yet to mature. The tobacco harvest was nearly finished by September 22nd as growers hurried to beat any early frost that claimed 600 acres last year. A 19 million pound tobacco crop was estimated for 1975, up 3 percent from 1974. Harvesting of sweet corn was about completed with yields lower than last year due to dry weather this summer. Harvesting was continuing for the late vegetable crops and potatoes. The cranberry harvest was ready to begin with prospects of a good crop. Early apples have been picked and the later varieties are ready for harvest. The apple crop was good in 1975 as were most fruits.

Crop Summary of Wisconsin for September 1, 1975

Crop	Acreage			Yield per acre			Unit	Production		
	1973	1974	1975 (prelimi- nary)	1973	1974	1975 (prelimi- nary)		1973	1974	1975 (prelimi- nary)
	Thousands							Thousands		
FIELD CROPS										
Corn for grain	2,090	2,270	2,350	83.0	68.0	84.0	Bu.	173,470	154,360	197,400
Oats	1,370	1,400	1,380	41.0	61.0	57.0	Bu.	56,170	85,400	78,660
Barley	21	19	32	37.0	47.0	50.0	Bu.	777	893	1,600
Rye	9	10	10	21.0	24.0	23.0	Bu.	189	240	230
Wheat (all)	27	78	86	33.0	36.6	36.0	Bu.	890	2,853	3,100
Winter	16	57	65	35.0	39.0	38.0	Bu.	560	2,223	2,470
Spring	11	21	21	30.0	30.0	30.0	Bu.	330	630	630
Soybeans for beans	241	217	205	25.0	20.0	23.0	Bu.	6,025	4,340	4,715
Potatoes (fall)	47.0	50.0	49.5	245	280	1/	Cwt.	11,515	14,000	1/
Tobacco (all)	10.2	9.4	10.0	1,859	1,965	1,900	Lb.	18,963	18,471	19,000
Type 54	4.9	4.7	5.0	1,950	2,060	2,000	Lb.	9,555	9,682	10,000
Type 55	5.3	4.7	5.0	1,775	1,870	1,800	Lb.	9,408	8,789	9,000
HAY AND FORAGE										
Hay (all)	3,950	3,950	4,000	2.69	2.68	2.66	Ton	10,622	10,600	10,650
Alfalfa and mixture	2,970	3,000	3,000	2.90	2.90	2.85	Ton	8,613	8,700	8,550
All other	980	950	1,000	2.05	2.00	2.10	Ton	2,009	1,900	2,100
VEGETABLE CROPS										
Carrots 2/	1.4	1.4	1.1	370	450	—	Cwt.	518	630	—
Cabbage 2/	2.3	3.1	2.3	280	320	—	Cwt.	644	992	—
Lettuce	1.1	1.1	1.2	250	200	—	Cwt.	275	220	—
Mint for oil	6.5	8.3	8.4	31	46	33	Cwt.	204	380	281
Onions, commercial	1.4	1.3	1.4	280	280	270	Cwt.	392	364	378
For processing:										
Green lima beans	7.4	5.3	7.8*	.93	.94	1.00	Ton 3/	6.9	5.0	7.8
Peas	123.2	129.8	1,40.0*	.99	1.33	1.10	Ton 3/	122.0	173.0	154.0
Snap beans	55.7	61.0	66.8*	2.47	2.55	2.40	Ton	137.6	156.0	160.0
Sweet corn	132.6	118.1	133.0*	3.85	3.83	3.80	Ton	510.5	452.3	505.4
Cucumber for pickles	10.4	11.4	10.4*	4.91	3.91	—	Ton	51.1	44.6	—
Beets for canning	6.6	8.1	8.1*	9.18	10.65	10.50	Ton	60.6	86.3	85.1
FRUITS, ETC.										
Apples, commercial	—	—	—	—	—	—	Lb.	50,000	65,000	66,000
Tart cherries	—	—	—	—	—	—	Ton	2.4	5.4	7.0
Cranberries	—	—	—	—	—	—	Bbl.	756	870	850
Strawberries	1.4	1.3	1.4	27	29	28	Cwt.	38	38	39

*Harvested contract acreage except for cucumbers which are planted acres. 1/Estimates released on October 10. 2/Summer quarter acreage, includes portion processed. 3/Shelled.

A few farmers had oats and straw left to harvest in mid-September as heavy rains and soft fields interfered with combining. Oats production in Wisconsin for 1975 was estimated at 78.7 million bushels, down 8 percent from last year. The yield per acre of 57 bushels for 1975 was 4 bushels under 1974 as late planting and hot, dry weather in July reduced grain yields. Harvesting of late second crop hay and third crop was continuing throughout September. More farmers were gambling on late cutting of hay this fall because of tight hay supplies. Heavy rains in the second half of August provided needed moisture for hay, pastures, and new seedings which were dormant during the dry spell. Fall pastures are providing better grazing than a year ago when September was quite dry.

Fall plowing was 10 percent completed as of September 22nd, ahead of last year's 2 percent and the normal of 8 percent. Moisture conditions are better for plowing this fall. Soil moisture supplies were reported as 10 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus in late September. Winter grains are being seeded and other fall field work is proceeding.

Rainfall in Inches, by Districts, Wisconsin

District	Month of August			Since April 1		
	1974	1975	Normal	1974	1975	Normal
Northwest .	5.0	6.0	4.2	17.6	19.9	19.2
N. Central .	5.1	5.8	4.1	17.9	17.0	19.1
Northeast .	5.5	4.7	3.6	18.6	16.0	17.3
W. Central .	3.7	10.9	3.4	16.4	27.2	18.5
Central . .	3.5	9.6	3.3	17.4	21.3	17.5
E. Central .	2.9	7.6	2.9	17.5	18.5	15.7
Southwest .	4.7	6.0	3.4	20.8	20.0	18.9
S. Central .	3.6	6.6	3.2	19.8	21.3	17.4
Southeast .	3.8	5.2	3.0	19.6	17.5	16.6

HOG-CORN RATIO UP

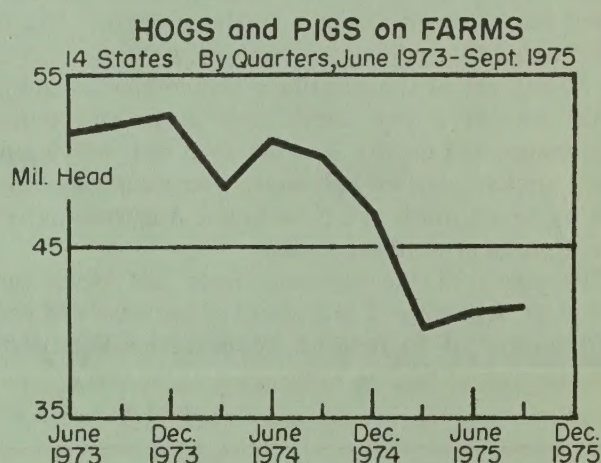
The Wisconsin hog-corn price ratio (bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of live hogs) has risen over the past year to the August level of 18.3, up considerably from the August 1974 ratio of 9.8. This more favorable ratio is due to an increase of nearly 63 percent in hog prices since last August accompanied by a 13 percent decline in corn prices for this same period.

Hog prices have continued to strengthen during the past year mainly due to the reduced supply available for slaughter. The Wisconsin mid-August price of \$54.30 per hundredweight

is second only to the record \$54.40 per hundredweight received by farmers in August 1973. Corn prices in Wisconsin also reached a record high of \$2.37 per bushel in August 1973, but this record was surpassed by even higher corn prices for most months since that date. The current record high corn price in Wisconsin of \$3.58 per bushel was established in October 1974.

HOG INVENTORY DOWN CONSIDERABLY

All hogs and pigs in the 14 states where quarterly estimates are made totaled 41.5 million head on September 1, a decline of 17 percent from a year earlier. Breeding stock, at 6 million head, was down 12 percent from last year. Market hogs and pigs numbered 35.5 million head, 18 percent less than on September 1, 1974.

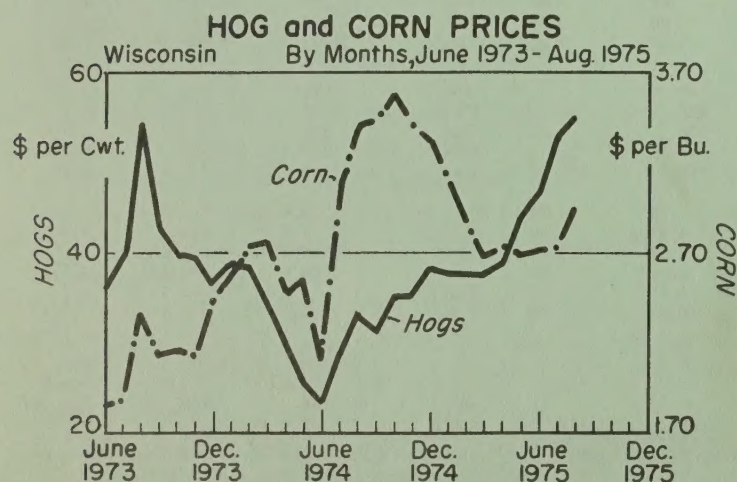


Wisconsin hog producers had only 1,150,000 head on farms September 1, a record low for that date since quarterly estimates began in 1960. The Wisconsin hog inventory was 24 percent below a year ago as breeding stock was down 15 percent and market hogs had a decline of 26 percent.

Farrowings in Wisconsin during the past quarter numbered 75,000 sows, down 23 percent from the June - August quarter in 1974. Litter rates averaged 7.60 pigs per litter compared with 7.35 a year earlier. The pig crop of 570,000 for the June - August quarter was 21 percent less than farrowed in that quarter last year.

Hog producers in Wisconsin plan to farrow 82,000 sows in the September through November period. This would be 4 percent fewer than in the comparable quarter of 1974. Farrowings during December 1975 through February 1976 are expected to total 57,000 sows, a decline of 8 percent from that quarter a year earlier.

The pig crop in the 14 quarterly states for June through August totaled 15 million, down 12 percent from a year ago. Although average litter rates were up slightly, there were 14 percent fewer sows that farrowed. Farrowings in the 14 states for September through November are expected to be 7 percent under that quarter last year. Intentions are to farrow nearly 2 million sows during December 1975 through February 1976. While this would be 6 percent more than farrowed for that quarter a year earlier, it would be 17 percent under two years ago.



Sows Farrowing, Pigs per Litter and Pig Crop
June through August, 1974 and 1975, 14 States

State	Sows farrowing			Pigs per litter		Pig crop 1/		
	1974	1975	Change from last year	1974	1975	1974	1975	Change from last year
	1,000 head		Percent	Head		1,000 head		Percent
Georgia	80	62	- 22	6.80	6.70	544	415	- 24
Illinois	355	335	- 6	6.90	6.85	2,450	2,295	- 6
Indiana	220	190	- 14	7.17	7.30	1,577	1,387	- 12
Iowa	590	575	- 3	7.00	7.16	4,130	4,117	n. c.
Kansas	90	70	- 22	7.30	7.50	657	525	- 20
Kentucky	63	52	- 17	7.10	7.25	447	377	- 16
Minnesota	205	155	- 24	7.10	7.30	1,456	1,132	- 22
Missouri	220	160	- 27	7.36	7.34	1,619	1,174	- 27
Nebraska	150	125	- 17	6.95	7.25	1,043	906	- 13
North Carolina	102	94	- 8	7.20	7.20	734	677	- 8
Ohio	108	85	- 21	7.20	7.70	778	655	- 16
South Dakota	95	68	- 28	6.70	7.30	637	496	- 22
Texas	48	42	- 12	7.00	7.00	336	294	- 12
Wisconsin	98	75	- 23	7.35	7.60	720	570	- 21
Total 14 States	2,424	2,088	- 14	7.07	7.19	17,128	15,020	- 12

1/Number of pigs born June through August, that were on hand September 1, or had been sold.

Sows to Farrow, September through February, 14 States

State	September through November			December through February 1/		
	1974	1975 2/	Change from last year	1975	1976 2/	Change from last year
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Georgia	68	60	- 12	75	70	- 7
Illinois	325	325	n. c.	260	290	+ 12
Indiana	195	185	- 5	160	170	+ 6
Iowa	560	540	- 4	440	520	+ 18
Kansas	95	85	- 11	70	65	- 7
Kentucky	58	50	- 14	50	40	- 20
Minnesota	200	170	- 15	140	142	+ 1
Missouri	220	185	- 16	140	145	+ 4
Nebraska	155	155	n. c.	110	110	n. c.
North Carolina	82	83	+ 1	97	95	- 2
Ohio	105	85	- 19	80	82	+ 3
South Dakota	93	80	- 14	52	57	+ 10
Texas	39	35	- 10	42	38	- 10
Wisconsin	85	82	- 4	62	57	- 8
Total 14 States	2,280	2,120	- 7	1,778	1,881	+ 6

1/December preceding year. 2/Number indicated by breeding intentions reports.

All Hogs and Pigs on Farms, Breeding and Market
September 1, 1974 and 1975, 14 States

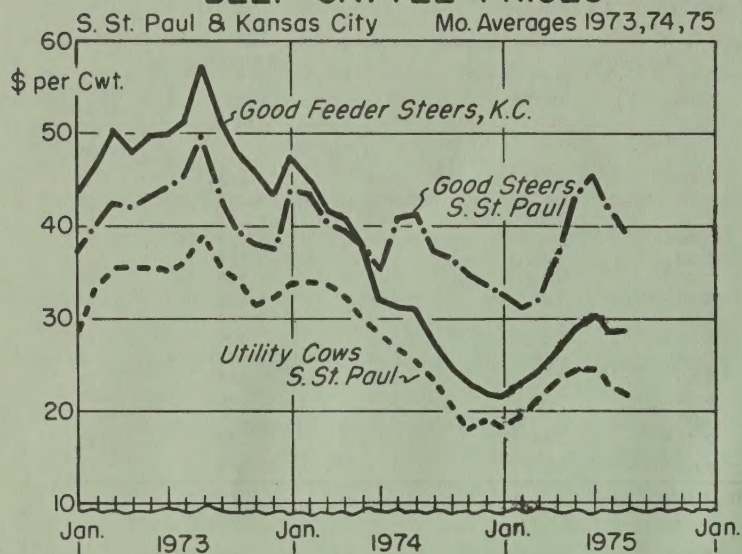
State	For breeding			Market			Total hogs and pigs		
	1974	1975	Change from last year	1974	1975	Change from last year	1974	1975	Change from last year
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Georgia	248	217	- 12	1,402	1,023	- 27	1,650	1,240	- 25
Illinois	832	841	+ 1	5,768	4,959	- 14	6,600	5,800	- 12
Indiana	660	520	- 21	4,240	3,480	- 18	4,900	4,000	- 18
Iowa	1,865	1,701	- 9	12,265	10,899	- 11	14,130	12,600	- 11
Kansas	253	203	- 20	1,557	1,247	- 20	1,810	1,450	- 20
Kentucky	185	144	- 22	965	756	- 22	1,150	900	- 22
Minnesota	550	420	- 24	3,350	2,380	- 29	3,900	2,800	- 28
Missouri	575	515	- 10	3,625	2,585	- 29	4,200	3,100	- 26
Nebraska	381	371	- 3	2,794	2,279	- 18	3,175	2,650	- 17
North Carolina	315	286	- 9	1,715	1,524	- 11	2,030	1,810	- 11
Ohio	298	256	- 14	1,832	1,394	- 24	2,130	1,650	- 23
South Dakota	287	214	- 25	1,763	1,311	- 26	2,050	1,525	- 26
Texas	140	122	- 13	790	738	- 7	930	860	- 8
Wisconsin	236	201	- 15	1,284	949	- 26	1,520	1,150	- 24
Total 14 States	6,825	6,011	- 12	43,350	35,524	- 18	50,175	41,535	- 17

**FED STEER PRICE
 LOWER IN AUGUST**

Prices of good grade fed steers weighing between 900-1100 pounds averaged \$39.91 a hundredweight at the St. Paul market during August, down \$2.45 from July and \$1.52 under last year. Utility cows at St. Paul averaged \$21.94 a

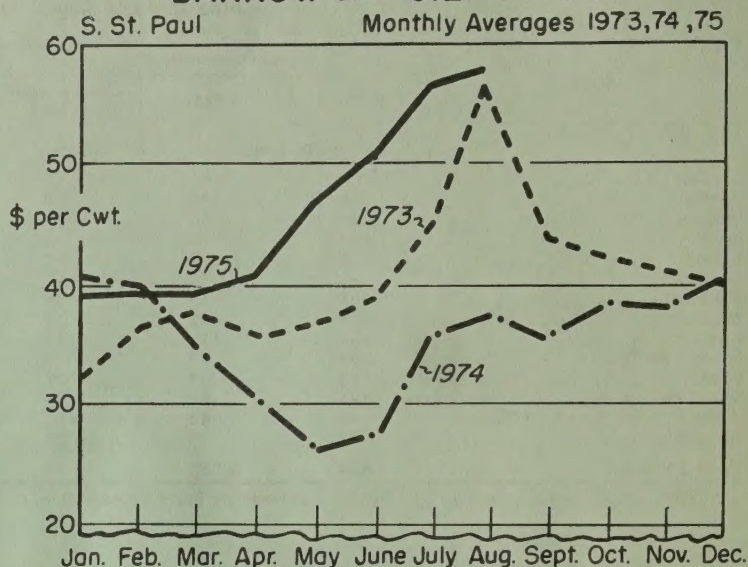
hundredweight for August, a decline of 79 cents from a month earlier and \$3.81 below August 1974.

Prices of good grade feeder steers weighing between 600-700 pounds averaged \$28.81 a hundredweight at the Kansas City market in August. This was an increase of 21 cents from July but \$2.38 less than a year ago.

BEEF CATTLE PRICES**BARROWS AND GILTS
AT RECORD HIGH PRICES**

Prices of barrows and gilts at the St. Paul market averaged a record high of \$57.65 a hundredweight during August.

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BARROW and GILT PRICES

This was about \$1.00 more than in July and \$1.05 above the previous high in August 1973. A year ago the average price of barrows and gilts at St. Paul was only \$37.74 a hundredweight.

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